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BOLLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1961.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District of Bollington for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

The estimated population shows a substantial increase of 140 to 5,640.

Live births exceeded deaths by 19, in 1960 the excess was 5 births over deaths. The total number of illegitimate births was 3 (as compared to 3 during 1960). This gives a rate of 32 per thousand live births for the year, which is a satisfactory figure, even lower than that for 1960 which was 36 per thousand live births.

I regret that I cannot report any progress in slum clearance, although during the year the Council did decide to acquire land for the building of houses for the persons displaced from a future clearance area.

I wish to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for the interest and help they have given the department, and also the officers of other departments for their help and co-operation. I have to thank Mr. Watson, Mr. Overbury and the clerical staff, for their loyal and efficient work throughout the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

W.R. PLEWS,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in acres	1,443
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid 1961) ..	5,640
Number of inhabited houses (December 1961) ...	2,041
Rateable Value (December 1961)	£55,339
Product of penny rate (1961/62)	£216
Total live births	95
Birth Rate (crude)	16.84
Birth Rate (corrected)	18.19
Still Births	1
Still Birth Rate (per 1000 total births)	10.41
Total Deaths (all causes)	76
Death Rate (crude)	13.52
Death Rate (corrected)	13.25

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) <u>NOTIFIED LIVE BIRTHS</u>				<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	39(46)	53(32)	92(78)
Illegitimate	...	...	...	2(1)	1(2)	3(3)
Total:-				41(47)	54(34)	95(81)
<u>NOTIFIED STILL BIRTHS</u>				<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	-(1)	1(1)	1(2)
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Total:-				-(1)	1(1)	1(2)
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>				<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
				41(48)	55(35)	96(83)

Figures in brackets are those referring to the year 1960.

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND ESTIMATED POPULATION	...	...	...	...	16.84
LIVE BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND ESTIMATED POPULATION (corrected)	...	...	...	...	18.19
STILL BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND TOTAL BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	10.41

(b) INFANT MORTALITY

There was 1 neonatal (under 1 month) death. This results in a neonatal death rate of 10.57, this figure, together with the still birth rate of 10.41 is a very great improvement on last year, when the figures were 37.05 and 24.09 respectively.

There was one further infant death and this results in an infant mortality rate of 21.05 per thousand live births obviously a great improvement on last years rate of 49.38.

(c) REGISTERED DEATHS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1958	45	35	80
1959	31	21	52
1960	39	37	76
1961	35	41	76

The crude death rate for 1961 was 13.52.

The corrected death rate for 1961 was 13.25.

The corresponding death rates for 1960 were 13.81 and 13.53 respectively.

<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION	13	10	23(21)
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	3	13	16(10)
CANCER (ALL SITES)	5	6	11(19)
PNEUMONIA AND BRONCHITIS	8	3	11(9)

AGE GROUP AT DEATH

<u>YEAR</u>	1958 m. f.	1959 m. f.	1960 m. f.	1961 m. f.
Under 1 year	1 -	- 1	3 1	1 2
1 - 5 years	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 - 15 years	- -	- -	- -	- -
12 - 25 years	1 -	- -	1 2	- -
25 - 45 years	1 -	1 1	1 3	- 4
45 - 65 years	20 8	9 6	9 8	13 6
65 - 75 years	12 10	12 6	16 9	8 10
75 + years	10 17	9 7	9 14	12 20
Total:	45 35	31 21	39 37	34 42

The total number of annual deaths within the Urban District is too small to be statistically significant, but 65% of the total deaths were of people over the age of 65, whereas in 1960, the percentage was 63%. 27% of the deaths occurred in hospital, the figure for 1960 was 32%. Of the 50 deaths of persons aged over 65 years, 12 occurred in hospital, compared to 16 in 1960.

(d) TUBERCULOSIS

The register was not altered in the fourth consecutive year, there being no new notifications, deaths or cases removed from the register.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>PULMONARY</u>	<u>NON-PULMONARY</u>	<u>PULMONARY</u>	<u>NON-PULMONARY</u>	
1961	9	5	9	5	28

(e) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following diseases were notified during the year 1961:-

Scarlet Fever	1(1)
Whooping Cough	2(34)
Measles	123(38)
Food Poisoning	4(-)

The figures in brackets are the figures for 1960.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR 1961

The Committee administers approved proposals under the National Health Service Act, 1946, as under:-

Section 22	Care of Mothers and Young Children
" 23	Midwifery
" 24	Health Visiting
" 25	Home Nursing
" 26	Vaccination and Immunisation
" 27	Ambulance Service
" 28	Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care
" 29	Domestic Help
" 51	Mental Health Service

The following is a record of work done during the year 1961:-

SECTION 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children

Infant Welfare Clinics

Attendances made by children:-		<u>Attendances</u>	<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>
Bridge Street	46 Sessions	2149	486
Hurdsfield House	49 "	1913	488
Sanders Square	51 "	1830	498
Weston	51 "	1926	405
Bollington	23 "	1492	317

Pre-School (Toddlers) Clinics

Attendances made by children:-

Bridge Street	10 Sessions	163	152
Hurdsfield House	25 "	412	338
Sanders Square	22 "	420	385

Ante-Natal Clinics

Attendances made by mothers:-		<u>First Visits</u>	<u>Return Visits</u>	<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>
Bridge Street	24 Sessions	233	463	443
Hurdsfield House	12 "	78	173	148
Sanders Square	12 "	64	142	136

Applications for Admission to West Park Hospital

Number of applications received - 389

Number accepted by
West Park Hospital

297

Number accepted by
other Hospitals

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Home Confinements due
to non-acceptance

92

WELFARE FOODS

The main storage and distribution centre at Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52, Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate, Bollington and Sutton Lane Ends Welfare Centres and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of food were distributed:-

National Dried Milk	13,799 Tins
Orange Juice	10,924 Bottles
Cod Liver Oil	1,728 "
Vitamin 'A' and 'D' Tablets	1,722 Packets

Branded foods continue to be sold at the Welfare Centres and during the year the total sales amounted to £1,309 15s. 4¹/₂d.

SPECIALIST CLINICS

Ophthalmic Clinic - The Ophthalmic Clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:-

No. of mothers who attended the Clinic	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of children under 5 years who attended	...	...	...	...	...	15
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	44
No. of children for whom glasses were prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	8

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - This Clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years.

No. of attendances made by mothers	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	7
No. of children referred to for Tonsils and Adenoids operation	...	...	...	...	...	1

Speech Therapy - A Speech Therapist was appointed and commenced duty in September, 1961.

Total Number of children referred	...	...	...	...	...	7
Total Number of children under observation	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total Number of children treated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total Number of children discharged	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total Number of children on waiting list	...	...	...	...	...	1

Dental Treatment - Treatment carried out by the School Dentist for Mothers and Children under 5 years.

	<u>Cases</u> <u>Exam'd</u>	<u>Needing</u> <u>Treatment</u>	<u>Treated</u>	<u>Extrac-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Anaesthetic</u> <u>Local</u> <u>Gen</u>	<u>Fillings</u>	<u>Scalings</u>
Maternity							
Cases	5	4	5	16	- 2	-	-
Child							
Welfare ..	72	67	65	161	- 60	14	-

DAY NURSERIES

The following is a summary of attendances etc. for the year:-

	<u>Attendances</u>		<u>Total Average</u>
	<u>under</u> <u>2 years</u>	<u>2 - 5</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Daily Attendance</u>
South Park	3,224	5,908	38
Glegg Street	2,320	7,294	39
Hurdsfield	2,133	6,587	36
Bollington	1,487	5,453	28

SECTION 23 - MIDWIVES SERVICES

Notification of births received:-

	<u>Live</u>		<u>Stillborn</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total</u>
	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	<u>Births</u>
Legitimate	340	311	6	13	346	324	670
Illegitimate	14	17	-	-	14	17	31
Total:	354	328	6	13	360	341	701

There are five County Midwives and two District Nurses practising Midwifery employed in the Division.

There was a total of 701 births in the Division, 360 males and 341 females.

Births took place as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield</u>		<u>Bollington</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	1961	(1960)	1961	(1960)	1961	(1960)
West Park Hospital ...	316	(259)	47	(43)	363	(302)
Other Hospitals ..	21	(17)	3	(3)	24	(20)
Home Confinements ...	267	(275)	47	(37)	314	(312)
	<u>604</u>	<u>(551)</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>(83)</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>(634)</u>

Of the 314 mothers who were confined at home, 41 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

Visits made by Health Visitors

	<u>First Visits</u>					<u>Total Visits</u>
To children under 12 months	688	4,139
To children 1 - 5 years	530	5,040
To expectant mothers	213	288
To Home Helps	54	252
Re Stillbirths	10	10
To Infant Deaths	2	1
To Cases of Sickness	245	330
To Mental Defectives	-	-
To Care and After-Care	137	1,067
To Cases of Tuberculosis	31	109
To School Children	93	386
Special Visits	28	990
No Access	21	891
					<u>2,052</u>	<u>13,503</u>

Clinics Attended by Health Visitors

Infant Welfare	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307
Pre-School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	236
Welfare Immunisation Sessions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
B.C.G. Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Poliomyelitis Vaccinations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
School Medical Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
School Head Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
School Head Treatments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Vision Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Minor Ailments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
School Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Dental Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hearing Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137
												<u>1,163</u>

SECTION 25 - DOMICILLIARY NURSING

Visits made by the District Nurses during the year:-

Total Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,117
The Number of Patients over 64 years of age attended was	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	414

SECTION 26 - VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

<u>Vaccination</u>						<u>Primary</u>	<u>Re-Vaccination</u>
Notified by Practitioners	...	...	...	...	...	289	75
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u>						<u>Completed</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
By Practitioners	...	...	...	...	...	401	148
At Welfare Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	354	189
<u>Whooping Cough Immunisation</u>							
Notified by Practitioners	...	...	...	...	...	370	
At Welfare Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	352	
<u>Tetanus</u>							
By Practitioners	...	...	...	...	...	324	
At Welfare Clinics	...	...	...	...	...	346	

Poliomyelitis VaccinationMacclesfield and Bollington

	<u>0-15</u>	<u>15-25</u>	<u>25-40</u>
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Initial course of first and second

injections completed	1,285	328	1,285
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No. of third injections completed	815	223	780
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No. of fourth injections completed (5 to 12 years)	332		
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SECTION 27 - AMBULANCE SERVICE

Report of work done by the Ambulance Service.

Total Number of JourneysTotal Number of
Patients CarriedTotal Mileage

4,392

27,192

114,439

SECTION 28 - PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARELoan of Medical and Surgical Equipment

A supply of articles for loan purposes at a small loan charge is available with the District Nurse and the School Clinic. These articles have been loaned during the year 1961:-

Wheel Chairs	19
Bed Rests	24
Air Cushions	20
Bed Pans	54
Mackintosh Sheets	38
Urinals	14
Feeding Cups	-
Bed Cages	6
Commodes	6
Inflatable Toilet Seats	-
	<u>179</u>

Tuberculosis

	<u>Macclesfield</u>				<u>Bollington</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pul.</u>	
	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.	m.	f.
No. of cases on Register at 1.1.61	149	109	39	37	9	9	5	5
No. of cases on Register at 31.12.61	154	110	38	37	9	9	5	5
No. of new cases notified in 1961	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of deaths in 1961	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases recovered, lost sight of etc..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves seven schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number of Children in Age Group</u>	<u>Number of Children Tested by P.P.D. Injection</u>	<u>No. of Children Vaccinated with B.C.G.</u>
1960/61	544	396	291
1961/62	768	705	563

<u>Conversion Tests (12 months)</u>		
	<u>Follow-up Mantoux</u>	<u>Positive to Follow-up Mantoux</u>
1959/60	271	269
1960/61	578	566

CHIROPODY SERVICE

This service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Disabled Persons who are on National Assistance and the following new cases and total treatments were given during 1961:-

	<u>No. of New Cases</u>	<u>No. of Treatments Given</u>	<u>Total No. of Patients Treated</u>
Persons over 65 years	87	2,208	407
Disabled	1	65	12
Expectant Mothers	-	-	-
	88	2,273	419

SECTION 29 - DOMESTIC HELP

The number of Domestic Helps on the Register at 31st December, 1961, and the total number of hours worked during the year was as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield</u>	<u>Bollington</u>	<u>Total Number of Hours worked during 1961</u>
Full-time	1	-	2,051
Part-time	30	7	28,894
			30,945

The average length of time for which Home Help is provided:-

Confinement Cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 days
Aged Persons, Sickness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	)Variable according to)circumstances of cases
Mothers in Hospital etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Number of Cases attended by Home Helps

Maternity (including expectant mothers	...	...	...	41
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	1
Chronic Sick including aged and infirm	...	...	...	258
				<u>300</u>

SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

The attendances were as follows:-

	<u>Average No.</u> <u>on Register</u>	<u>Total Number</u> <u>of Attendances</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Days Open</u>	<u>Average Daily</u> <u>Attendance</u>
1959	48	7,607	195	39
1960	53	8,122	197	41
1961	53	8,427	196	43

Supervisor's Report

No. of Register attending Centre at 31.12.61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
No. of Staff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Ages of Children 31.12.61

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
5 - 6 years (inclusive)	1
7 - 11 years	27
12 - 15 years	12
16 years and over - oldest 23	13
	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>53</u>

AREAS in which children reside:-

Macclesfield Borough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Macclesfield Rural	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Congleton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Congleton Rural	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Wilmslow U.D.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bramhall and Woodford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>3</u>
													53
													<hr/>
Number receiving free meals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Transport is provided by a private Bus Company - one bus operating from Congleton, another from Cheadle. In addition, local children are taken to and from the Centre by taxi and ambulance.

The curriculum includes habit training, sense training, physical training, pre-reading and writing activities, speech training, handwork, music and movement and training in simple cookery and domestic tasks.

An Exhibition of Handwork done by the children was staged at the Macclesfield Show in the tent of the Macclesfield Branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. They took part in a Nativity Play and an 'Open' Day was held for parents.

The Macclesfield Branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children paid for the children to visit the Circus and also for a summer outing to New Brighton.

A member of the staff has been seconded by the County to attend the special Diploma Course for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped.

Gifts of toys, books and clothing were received.

SENIOR MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

I am embodying in this Report, the following Annual Report of Mr. L. Meadwell, the Senior Mental Welfare Officer.

This, the first full year since the introduction of the Mental Health Act in November 1960, has proved most interesting. In common with each of the previous years it has been a busy one.

The main aims of the Mental Health Act are Informality and Community Care and these principles have of course involved the Mental Welfare Officer in more and more intensive field work.

The number of cases handled by this Department during the year 1961 shows a slight increase over the previous year, however close liaison with General Practitioners, Out-Patient Clinics and other Social Services (both Statutory and Voluntary) and close supervision by the Mental Welfare Officer of patients in their own homes has emphasized the fact that admission to hospital can in many instances be avoided.

Patients discharged or about to be discharged from hospitals are often referred to this department from hospital for after-care services, here again the Mental Welfare Officer, by means of his knowledge, skill and understanding of people, is instrumental in the rehabilitation of such persons in the community, where necessary assisting with employment; rehousing; National Insurance and National Assistance Benefit; Rehabilitation Training Courses etc.

Out-patient clinics are attended daily at Rosemount by the Mental Welfare Officer where his services are readily available to the Consultant Psychiatrists and staff of the clinic. In addition, a clinic for the subnormal and severely subnormal has now been established at Rosemount, where such patients may now be referred by their general practitioners for the clinical advice of Dr. T.L. Pilkington, who is the Medical Director of Cranage Hall Hospital; also in attendance is Dr. R.A. Blyth, Cheshire County Council's Senior Medical Officer for Mental Health. This clinic, the first of its type in this area, has proved to be very successful. It offers facilities to the mentally subnormal which have never before been available.

During the year the Macclesfield Over 16's Club for the mentally subnormal has continued to function and several outings have been arranged. In addition, several discharged psychiatric patients have attended the Macclesfield Disabled Club, and this has proved to be of great benefit to the patients concerned.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the Mental Health Department staff and to the staff of the Macclesfield Junior Training Centre for the interest shown in the Social Clubs. They regularly give up their off-duty time to assist at the club meetings.

Below I respectfully submit a table of statistics relating to Macclesfield Borough and Bollington Urban District. These figures do not of course include the total number of cases dealt with and visits made from this office. Several admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals are made following direct application from the Medical Practitioner and through the Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics.

<u>Notifications and Admissions</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Informal Patients	17	16	33
Compulsory Admissions following application under the Mental Health Act 1959	12	31	43
Referred to Other Departments	6	11	17
Referred to Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics ...	8	9	17
Cases where no action Necessary	24	39	63
	<u>67</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>173</u>

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1961.

This year saw the culmination of the efforts to bring the two private slaughterhouses in the district up to the new standards of the Slaughterhouse Construction Regulations. Although the operators had some hesitation before embarking on the improvements, there is little doubt that both have subsequently found the practical advantages of their improved premises.

Housing matters have again occupied a good proportion of the time of your inspectors. Reference is made in the report to the question of house repairs and improvements. During the year the Council allocated the tenancies of newly constructed bungalows. Visits were paid to all the applicants so that the Housing Committee could be advised as to the background circumstances of individual applicants. The granting of tenancies to several single or married couples living in existing three bedroom Council houses provided an opportunity of utilising the vacated properties for families enabling a better use of the Council house accommodation.

The section relating to water supply has been prepared by Mr. T.K. Kirkman, the Council's Engineer and Surveyor, who was responsible for the water undertaking up to the end of March 1961.

My thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their interest and support, and to Dr. W.R. Plews, Mr. T.K. Kirkman, Mr. A.E.F. Dear and other colleagues for their ready assistance and co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. WATSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector..

WATER SUPPLY

This report on water supply refers to the period 1st January 1961 up to 31st March 1961 only, as the authority ceased to be a water undertaking on that date.

The source of supply remained as has been reported in previous years in Rainow in the Rural District of Macclesfield, and the supply has been satisfactory both in quality and in quantity.

Three analyses were made during the quarter referred to for bacteriological condition and one for chemical content and all were reported by the Council's Analysts, Messrs. Melling and Ardern, as being satisfactory.

The number of houses supplied directly from the public mains is 2,040 with a population 5,637.

Only one property is not supplied from the mains. This is a farm house on the Urban District boundary about 350 yards from the nearest public main.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The majority of dwelling-houses in the district are connected to the public sewer and treatment of sewage is undertaken at the Council's sewage disposal works at Lowerhouse. Detailed comment was made in the 1960 Report of current negotiations with Macclesfield Corporation as to the reception of all domestic sewage and trade effluent from Bollington into their Butley disposal works, and the proposed abandonment of the Lowerhouse works. These negotiations were still incomplete at the end of 1961, arising from delays experienced by the Macclesfield Corporation in preparing a scheme for extensions of the Butley Works and securing the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government thereto.

A recent check reveals that there will still be hard core of 79 domestic properties (other than farms) in the district which cannot be connected to public sewers, after the completion of the approved sewer extension to the Oak Lane area.

HOUSING

Action Regarding Individual Unfit Houses

(a)	Unfit houses closed under Section 16(4) 17(1) and 35(1) of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	(56 Princess Street (9 Water Street
	No. of families displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
	No. of persons displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
(b)	Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...		<u>By Owner</u> <u>By Local Authority</u>
	(i) after informal action	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	-
	(ii) after formal action under -								
	Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
	Housing Act 1957 (Section 9 and 16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
									(39a Adlington Road)

Substandard Property

In February 1961, the Council agreed in principle to deal with a clearance area of 32 properties in the Church Street, Vine Street, Hope Street, Union Street area. No formal action was taken during 1961 pending progress by the Council's Housing Committee in acquiring land in the neighbourhood for the provision of alternative accommodation for displaced persons.

Also in February 1961, consideration was given to formulating a definite programme for dealing with the other substandard properties scheduled in 1955 by the Council in their proposals under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954. The Committee did not feel able to look beyond their first proposed clearance area. The uncertainty as to the future life of the remaining scheduled properties continues to be a source of embarrassment to their owners and occupiers, and to your inspectors whose advice on the Council's intentions is often sought. It would be of considerable assistance to all concerned if a tentative programme could be agreed even if this only dealt with a moderate number of properties each year.

Improvement Grants

1. Discretionary Grants

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>		<u>Total Amount of Grant Approved</u>	<u>Schemes Completed</u>
	<u>Owner/occupiers</u>	<u>Owners of Rented Houses</u>		
1954	2	-	£468	-
1955	6	1	£1639	4
1956	15	3	£3998	11
1957	6	-	£1142	10
1958	9	-	£1630	6
1959	9	-	£1302	12
1960	4	1	£856	5
1961	6	-	£986	4

2. Standard Grants

Year	Applications Approved		Total	Schemes Completed					Total Grant	
	Owner/occupiers	Owners of Rented Houses		Amenities Provided						
				1.	2.	3.	4.	5.		
1960	9	1	6	1	-	2	1	2	£359	18. 0.
1961	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	£656	4. 7.

The utilisation of the improvement grant scheme continues to be disappointing in a district such as Bollington in which the majority of older properties are stone-built and structurally sound, but the proportion of properties without bathrooms is high.

An attempt to induce the landlords of tenanted houses to improve their properties with the aid of grants was made by the Government in the Housing Act, 1961, in allowing an increase in rent of $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the cost of improvements, instead of 8% which was the previous legal maximum.

To achieve a real impact in the improvement of appropriate property, some additional publicity is essential to that already being given by Government agencies. A direct approach by the Council to property owners outlining the details of the grant scheme, and in particular the financial assistance available in addition to the grants, is suggested. If the Council agree to this suggestion in principle, it would then be possible to deal with appropriate blocks or groups of property as a whole, in an attempt to secure a general improvement in that block or group. Under the present system, individual properties in terraces are being improved with the aid of grants, and remaining houses in the same terraces left with the possibility of such deterioration as may bring them into future consideration by the Council as "unfit houses".

One of the main justifications for the grant scheme is to preserve essentially sound property, or groups of property, which lack the essential amenities, and to offset the possibility of future clearance area action, and the attendant necessity for provision of replacement housing accommodation, at a much reduced financial outlay. It also ensures that essential repairs are undertaken at the time the grant is made, and that the property is subsequently kept in a reasonable state of maintenance.

New Houses

The number of new houses erected during the year is set out below:-

1. By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24 (Bungalows)
2. By Other Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

RENT ACT 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

No formal action was taken by the Council during 1961 under the certificate of disrepair procedure. The Rent Act 1957 did, and does, give tenants of rented houses a valuable lever towards securing the maintenance of property in a state of good repair. Some token use of the procedure was made immediately after the Act came into operation, but this was a reaction against notices of proposed increases in rent received from landlords. Although the relevant statutory details are required to be printed in rent books, the majority of tenants are either oblivious of them or are deterred from exploiting them by a false sense of insecurity regarding the future of their tenancies. To complete the picture, it should be added that not all rented property is being allowed to deteriorate, and there are happily landlords who are prepared to undertake essential repairs without the resort of their tenants to such legal sanctions or the summoning of "the sanitary man".

The whole question of rent control will inevitably be the subject of review in conjunction with the operation of the new valuation lists, and upon the outcome will depend the incentive to landlords to keep their property in good repair.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the district.

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS, VISITS, ETC.

Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Factories	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Food Inspections -														
Meat	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	432
Other Foods		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food Premises -														
Bakehouses		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Butchery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food Preparing Premises		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Slaughterhouses		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Housing -														
Inspections of Dwelling Houses		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Reinspections of Dwelling Houses		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Visits to Applicants for Council Houses	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Inspections re Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Inspections re Certificates of Disrepair		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Dirty Premises/Insect Infestations	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Infectious Disease/Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rodent Control	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND PREMISES

Slaughterhouses

Reference was made in the 1960 Report to the Council's Slaughterhouse Report under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, which was accepted by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 26th July, 1960. In this Report it was indicated that the operators of the two existing private slaughterhouses both intended to bring their premises up to the new statutory standards by the appointed day. The appointed day was subsequently confirmed by the Ministry in Statutory Orders as 1st July, 1961.

Schemes for the alterations to the two premises were eventually agreed in both cases prior to the commencement of work. In neither case was planning permission deemed to be required for the proposed extensions.

The delay on the part of the operators in commencing and completing the alterations resulted in difficulties in securing the renewal of the respective slaughterhouse licences by the appointed day. In the case of the Shrigley Road premises, the new licence was issued on July 1st, 1962, with no discontinuance of slaughtering operations. The licence for the Henshall Road premises was issued on July 21st, 1962, and the operators had to make temporary alternative arrangements for slaughtering elsewhere.

The alterations were in both cases extensive and the considerable improvements effected will undoubtedly be reflected in a higher standard of hygiene.

Meat Inspection

A 100% meat inspection service was maintained throughout the year at the two private slaughterhouses.

Details of the animals slaughtered, carcasses inspected and the incidence of disease etc. are set out in the table below:-

CARCASSES INSPECTED 1961 AND INCIDENCE OF DISEASE ETC.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	1179	248	27	6647	1782
Number inspected	1179	248	27	6647	1782
Corresponding Figures 1960	1090	374	55	5454	1682
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	1	6	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	60	71	1	7	19
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	5.2%	28.4%	7%	0.2%	1%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	2	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	24	49	1	-	19
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2%	20%	11%	-	1%
Percentage Figures corrected by exclusion of carcasses dealt with under Tuberculosis Order 1950 ..	0.3%	2%	-	-	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	5	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The percentage figures for carcasses affected with tuberculosis have been corrected, as in previous years, to exclude those dealt with under the Tuberculosis (Slaughter of Reactors) Order 1950. A breakdown of the results of examinations made of reactor carcasses is shown in the summary below:-

Details of Animals Submitted by the Divisional
Veterinary Officer under the Tuberculosis
(Slaughter of Reactors) Order, 1950

<u>Animals</u>	<u>Whole Carcasses</u> <u>Condemned</u>	<u>Part Carcasses</u> <u>Condemned</u>	<u>Organs only</u> <u>Condemned</u>	<u>No Macroscopic</u> <u>Lesions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cows	1	1	44	39	85
Cattle	-	-	20	8	28
Calves	2	-	1	4	7
Totals:	3	1	65	51	120

It is now routine practice to advise the Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of any incidence of tuberculosis found during routine post mortem inspection of bovines and pigs, together with details of the origin of affected animals. This enables the Ministry's Veterinary Officers to make an immediate check back at the farm concerned and on contact animals.

Carcase Meat Condemned
1st January, 1961 - 31st December, 1961.

<u>Category of Animals</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qtrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Cows	-	-	1	4
Cows (T.B. Reactors) ..	-	8	3	19
Casualty Cattle ..	-	3	2	0
Casualty Sheep ...	-	2	2	9
Calf	-	-	1	13
Calf (T.B. Reactor) ...	-	-	2	2
Total:	-	16	-	19
Comparable Figure 1960	5	1	-	27

MILK

No samples of designated milk were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for statutory tests during the year. The district is part of a specified area in which only designated milk - i.e. tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised milk - can be sold. The Cheshire County Health Department undertake extensive testing of milk throughout the county, and forward copies of all sample results.

FOOD POISONING

A small outbreak of food poisoning occurred in May 1961 affecting five persons. Investigation failed to establish conclusively the cause of infection but the suspected foodstuff was cream confectionery retailed from a mobile van. A check back to the place of manufacture and the van driver revealed that the latter had a healed carbuncle on his neck, but examination of a swab from this failed to reveal any pathogenic organisms. Difficulty in pinpointing the cause of infection was principally due to a delay of eight days from the onset to its notification.

CARAVAN SITES

During 1961, the Cheshire County Council as planning authority reviewed all caravan sites throughout the county and formulated a policy statement on the distribution and control of caravan sites. Stemming from this statement, agreement was reached between the County Council and this Council as to the continuance of two sites in quarries of Windmill Lane, Kerridge, for the siting of recreational caravans/structures. Formal planning permissions, and site licences (under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960) were subsequently issued in each case - the site licence conditions being framed on the Model Standards issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council has an obligation to inspect their district for infestations of rats and mice and to carry out treatment for their extermination on their own properties. A part-time Rodent Operator is employed for these purposes, and, in addition, he undertakes treatment of vermin at private dwellinghouses free of charge and at business premises at the expense of the occupiers. Several of the larger industrial premises are serviced under annual contracts, an arrangement found to be to the advantage of both parties - the industrialist in preventing damage to valuable fabrics, and the Council in keeping the premises under regular surveillance, many of them being sited on or adjoining watercourses.

An indication of the work done is revealed in the following extract from the annual return submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Types of Property Dwelling houses</u>	<u>Property All other (including business premises)</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Agricultural Properties</u>
No. of properties in District	6	1944	237	287	20
No. of properties inspected as a result of					
(a) notification	-	35	8	43	2
(b) survey under the Act	6	543	8	557	16
No. of properties found to be infested by -					
(a) rats	4	85	5	94	4
(b) mice	2	57	7	66	1
No. of infested properties treated by Council	6	142	12	160	5

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1959

Prescribed Particulars on Administration of Factories Acts

Inspection of the Provisions as to Health

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	32	20	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	-	-	-	-
Total:	33	20	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		
			<u>to H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	7	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	1	7	-	-	-

Outwork

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>No. of Outworkers in August list reqd. by Section 110 (1)(c)</u>	<u>No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council</u>	<u>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No. of instances of work in unwholesome places</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Wearing apparel (making up etc) ..	12	-	-	-	-	-

